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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement mailed 10/1/02, please enter the following remarks:

REMARKS

The Office Action required an election to one of three species. The Office Action identified those species as:

1. helical fiber orientation,
2. parallel fiber and cross over orientation
3. non-fiber, fenestration

Applicants elect the species identified in the Office Action as "parallel fiber and cross over orientation." This election is with traverse. Applicants respectfully request clarification of the election of species requirement for the reasons set forth below. As best understood by Applicants, it is submitted that all claims 1-19 read on the species identified in the Office Action. Applicants also respectfully disagree with the position taken in the Office Action that "no claim is generic." Applicants submit that, at the very least, claim 15 is generic.

Parent application (SN: 09/324,743) included an election of species requirement mailed 10/2/00. That election of species requirement identified the species as: Figure 1, Figure 2 and Figure 3. Applicants respectfully request clarification as to whether the present

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